

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 710

By Clemmons

A RESOLUTION to recognize and congratulate the University School of Nashville boys' cross country team, 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class A state champions.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we honor those Tennessee students who, through their athletic prowess, have achieved the pinnacle of success and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of estimable individuals is the University School of Nashville boys' cross country team, which recently won the 2021 Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Division II, Class A state championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the Tigers exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the state champion University School of Nashville boys' cross country team are James Brackett, Brock Burgess, Austin Cason, Isaac Chomsky, Beckett Dahir, Simon Fox, Collin France, Elijah Galentino, Henry Gatto, Tate Keuler, Christopher Laibinis, Jack Loss, Piers Mason, Jonathan Nichols, Evan Ozgener, Clay Payne, Frederick Rudolph, Saul Sharfstein, Henry Stack, Siddharth Voona, and Richard Wengraf-Simons; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers, who won the 2019 title, finished third at the state championships in 2020 following a COVID-shortened season but regained control of the Division II, Class A title thanks to the combined efforts of Austin Cason (5<sup>th</sup>), Collin France (14<sup>th</sup>), Piers Mason (17<sup>th</sup>), Evan Ozgener (20<sup>th</sup>), Jonathan Nichols (28<sup>th</sup>), Elijah Galentino (32<sup>nd</sup>), and Frederick Rudolph (57<sup>th</sup>); and

WHEREAS, this slate of exceptional athletes benefited greatly from the knowledgeable leadership, encouragement, and devotion of Head Coach George Flatau and Assistant Coach Robert McKay; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship cross country season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the University School of Nashville Tigers' noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for their families, their classmates, and their entire community; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the boys' cross country team of University School of Nashville for serving as exemplars of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate the University School of Nashville boys' cross country team on winning the 2021 TSSAA Division II, Class A state championship and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.